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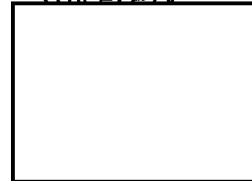
Dear Mike:

I had to be absent from the country during the final stages of the Philippine NIE as well as the Marcos visit. Upon my return a few days ago, I was told that the visit had gone very well indeed from the standpoint of both the Filipinos and ourselves, and hasten to send warmest congratulations.

I understand and regret the awkward handling of the final approval of the NIE. Based on this experience, we are taking appropriate steps to minimize the chances of similar problems arising in the future.

I expect that you will be in Washington again before I visit Manila and look forward very much to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely



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The Honorable Michael H. Armacost
American Ambassador
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